

Jon, Maria, & Liam



OUR FAMILY, OUR HOME

"We believe in a home filled with intentionality, where mindful living, active play, and a lifelong love of learning form the foundation for children to thrive."



Hello & Welcome!

Thank you so very much for taking the time to open our book and get to know our family. We can only begin to imagine the depth of the choices you are considering. Please know that you are met with our profound respect, warmth, and support at every single step.

We are Jon and Maria, and together with our energetic, bright son, Liam, we live a life anchored in deep connection, mindfulness, and simply enjoying the beauty of everyday life. Our dream has always been to grow our family through adoption. We are so excited to share a glimpse into our world—our relationships, our values, and the unconditional love waiting to welcome a new precious little one into our hearts.

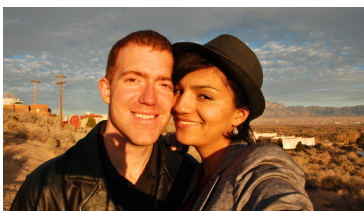


OUR STORY



We first crossed paths online, where Jon's profile instantly stood out. He had written a heartfelt letter about his deep love for family, sharing how he had stepped up as a young Air Force officer to help his single sister raise her children. Our very first date was a simple bicycle ride, sparking a shared love for the outdoors that still anchors us today.

When we met, Maria was navigating a deeply challenging moment, caring for her mother who was battling cancer. From our very first weeks together, Jon brought laughter, steady support, and a protective presence back into her life, fully determined to stand by her and her family. Today, we bring that same unwavering commitment, resilience, and joyful spirit into our marriage, our careers, and our parenting.



Meet Maria (by Jon)



My wife, Maria, is the compassionate, patient, and creative heartbeat of our home. Every day, she brings a beautiful sense of mindfulness and peace to our family, making our home feel like a true sanctuary. She is also an incredibly talented cook who pours so much love into our meals, crafting healthy, delicious food that makes Liam actually excited to eat his vegetables!

One of the greatest joys of my life is watching her guide Liam as his dedicated homeschool teacher. She approaches every lesson with unmatched warmth and patience, effortlessly turning daily studies into interactive moments of genuine play and discovery. When she isn't teaching, you will almost certainly find Maria in her happy place, our garden. She loves planting seeds, nurturing flowers, and teaching Liam firsthand about nature's beauty and the rewards of steady, loving care. She has an incredible gift for listening deeply, comforting fully, and making everyone around her feel safe, heard, and deeply cherished.





Meet Jon (by Maria)



Jon is also incredibly silly and completely unafraid to dive headfirst into playtime. Our home is constantly filled with laughter because of him, whether he and Liam are sailing the living room rug as pirates with cardboard swords, using kitchen bowls as helmets to play soldiers, or leading us all in goofy family dance battles. He balances his focused career with absolute presence for his family. Jon's love for family is rooted deep in his core, and I know he has an endless supply of love and laughter ready for a new little one to join our team.

Jon is the devoted, steady anchor of our family. He has a deeply thoughtful, intellectual soul—an avid reader of history and philosophy who brings a quiet, steady wisdom to how we raise our son. He carries this same integrity, sense of duty, and quiet strength into his career as an officer in the Space Force. While we are immensely proud of his service, I am even prouder of the protective, steady father he is.





OUR CORE VALUES & PHILOSOPHY

At the center of our home is a commitment to mindful living, mutual support, and deep connection. Our daily rhythm is built around staying present, nurturing our minds and bodies, and treating parenting as a meaningful and intentional journey of growth.

For us, connection is our anchor. No matter how busy, tired, or frustrated a day might get, we always pause, look each other in the eye, and check in. We never walk away; we lean in.



Ever since our son, Liam, was just two years old, we've anchored our days in the simple values we hope will guide his life: love, kindness, caring, respect, patience, and calm. For us, these aren't just ideas—they are the quiet heartbeat of how we live and grow together. In our home, this looks like celebrating endless curiosity, where we welcome every big question and treat mistakes as gentle, shared opportunities to learn.

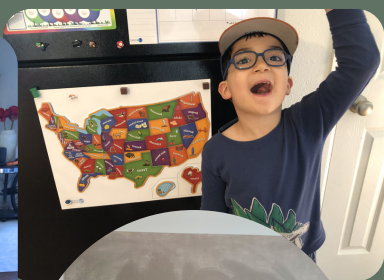


We embrace play, whether we are sitting down for a board game or diving into pure imagination, to help build empathy, laughter, and problem-solving. You will often hear us praising sincere, heartfelt effort over a perfect outcome, because we want our children to know that staying true to themselves and keeping at it matters so much more than being perfect. Lastly, at the end of each day, we always come back to a rhythm of gratitude, keeping our home a peaceful, grounded sanctuary where we can all slow down and simply be present with one another.

GUIDANCE & GROWTH

We have always viewed parenting as a deeply meaningful calling to guide, rather than to control. In our home, guidance is entirely rooted in connection and understanding. Whenever Liam is navigating a highly intense moment or a big emotion, we've learned that the best thing we can do is let go of the urge to immediately "fix" it. Instead of talking over his feelings, we step back and quietly honor his space, giving him the time and peace he needs to cool down. We stay close by, letting him know we are fully present and there for him whenever he is ready. If a situation is too big and we do need to step in, simply to ensure everyone is safe and nothing is damaged, we gently guide him toward healthy, safe strategies to help regulate his body.





By choosing homeschooling, we're able to tailor education directly to his natural curiosity, turning our daily lives into a hands-on classroom. Rather than enforcing strict rules, we focus on developing curiosity and solving problems together, naturally developing self-discipline and emotional intelligence. Ultimately, our hope is simply to provide a safe, predictable rhythm, a peaceful space where children feel secure enough to make mistakes, learn from them, and grow into exactly who they are meant to be.



MEET BIG BROTHER LIAM



Our son, William; whom we affectionately call Liam, is an absolute spark of joy in our lives. He is naturally curious, warm-hearted, and full of energy, but what makes our hearts swell the most right now is how incredibly excited he is about the prospect of becoming a big brother. Because we homeschool, Liam has the freedom to dive deeply into his passions at his own pace, and his absolute favorite thing is sharing his newest discoveries with anyone who will listen.



He has always been wonderful with other children, stepping into a role of guiding, protecting, and playing with such natural ease. He has this beautiful eagerness to show the world to others; whether they are younger or older than him, and we know he will be a patient mentor and an excellent example for a little one. We have no doubt that Liam is going to be a deeply loving big brother, ready to hold a tiny hand, make a baby laugh, and eventually run around the yard together as they grow.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Family and our close community are truly the beating heart of our lives. With Maria being originally from Mexico, our home is wrapped in a rich, multi-cultural tapestry of love. We deeply celebrate this vibrant heritage, whether we are honoring our ancestors during Día de los Muertos or gathering in the kitchen to roll tamales and simmer mole together. Over the years, we have also built a wonderful, close-knit village of local friends and fellow parents. This circle is a constant source of laughter, busy playdates, and hands-on support, ensuring our children grow up surrounded by a diverse, loving community of people who feel just like family.

We never let distance stand in the way of connection, frequently traveling to make sure we never miss a holiday, milestone, or birthday with the people we love. Liam is incredibly blessed with a tight-knit network of aunts, uncles, and over ten cousins who are a constant part of his world. Whether we are packing our bags to visit Maria's family in Mexico or heading off to visit Jon's parents, our family reunions are always beautifully loud, joyful, and filled with deep, comforting connections.



We always find ourselves smiling when we look back at the sweet, funny moments that make our family who we are. We still laugh about the time Aunt Martina came to visit and fully committed to our family Halloween theme, dressing up as the Emperor so we could all have a spectacular, intergalactic Star Wars battle in the living room. We cherish the memory of watching Liam's eyes light up with pure joy when Uncle Doug took him out to explore and ride on his big tractor. And just last year, when Maria's sister and her family came to visit, we all set off on a grand tour of Washington, D.C., spending the days walking the monuments, soaking in the history, and sharing endless laughs. These are the kinds of moments, big and small, that we can't wait to share with a new little one.



HOME SWEET HOME



If we had to describe our home in three words, we would choose harmonious, simple, and playful. We've intentionally kept our living space spacious, bright, and filled with natural light, green plants, and art that celebrates nature. To encourage imagination and truly being present with one another, we only have one TV in the house, choosing instead to fill our days with music, dancing, books, and the joyful energy of our two sweet pups.





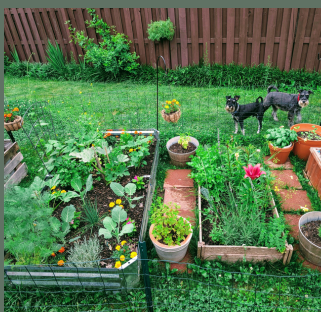
Pippin and Melon, our six- and two-year-old miniature Schnauzers, are such a big part of our family's daily rhythm. They are incredibly loving, calm, hypoallergenic, and so smart, they love solving treat puzzles! Their sweet habits bring us so much daily joy, whether it's Melon jumping onto Maria's lap for a snuggle or both of them racing to be the absolute first to greet Liam with tail wags when he wakes up in the morning.





Inside, you'll find a cozy reading nook where Liam and the dogs love to curl up with a good story, and our bright sunroom bursting with plants, flowers, and the lovely songs of birds. Outside, our backyard is a playful sanctuary perfect for Nerf battles and running around with the pups. But the true heart of our outdoor life is our beloved garden. We absolutely love growing and harvesting our own food together as a family. There is nothing quite like stepping outside with the kids to pick sweet strawberries, fresh Mediterranean herbs, cucumbers, leafy greens, or a colorful variety of squashes like zucchini, butternut, acorn, and delicata.

Our greatest hope is to give a new child the absolute freedom to play, explore, and watch things grow in a safe, peaceful environment built just for them.



OUR PROMISES TO YOU

If you choose us to walk this path with your child, we promise to surround them with unconditional love, endless patience, and a safe, joyful harbor for their entire life. We promise to nurture and celebrate their unique identity, honoring their personal heritage and individual story with deep pride and respect. Guided by their natural curiosity, we will provide an exceptional education that fosters a lifetime love of hands-on discovery and learning.

Most of all, we promise to always speak of you with the utmost honor, reverence, and gratitude, ensuring your child grows up knowing the brave and profound love that defined their beginning. We will always welcome and keep a lifelong connection with you, guided entirely by your wishes on the level of communication that feels most comfortable for you, so your child always knows and takes pride in the beautiful lineage they come from.



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to read our story and glimpse into our lives. We know this is a journey of immense love, courage, and deep reflection. Whatever path you choose, we wish you gentle peace, strength, and clarity on the road ahead.

**With all our warmth,
Jon, Maria, & Liam**

